dated 9.3.1992, foreign exchange equivalent to Rs. 2172.62 crores was collected under this Scheme.

Stick State Fnance orporation

474. DR NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many State Finance Corporations (SFCs) are considered sick by Government, the details thereof;

(b) what are the valid reasons for their sickness; and

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to remove the sickness of these SFCs and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) There is no classification of SFCs between sick and healthy corporation. However, there are some corporations which are showing signs of weakness. Based on the health code categorisation of SFCs and their capital adequacy ratio for the year ended March 31, 1992, 8 SFCs have been classified by the Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) into Category 'C' where the capital adequacy was less than 4 percent.

(b) The financial health of some of of the SFCs has deteriorated over the years due to various factors including excessive dependence on external funds, rising trend of overdues, dwindling margine on account of rising cost of funds with lower recoveries, erosion of capital adequacy deficiencies in project appraisal and lack of initiative in taking up more profitable new areas of business.

(c) A meeting of the State Governments and Chief Executives of SFCs and SIDCs was convened on August 18, 1993 under the Chairmanship of the Finance Secretary. The Government has also set up a Committee under the chairmanship of Chairman & Managing Director of IDBI to undertake a review of the SFCs Act, 1951.

Defaulters of Banks Loans

475. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of ten top loan defaulters of each bank giving the amount that is outstanding against each one of them;

(b) what efforts Government have made to recover the loan;

(c) what are the difficulties in res recovering the loans from the defaulters; and

(d) whether Government contemplate to issue any guide-lines to the financial institutions to ward off such a defaulting situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) to (d) In accordance with the statutes governing the public sector banks as also in terms of the practices and usages customary amongst bankers, the banks do not divulge information relating to or to the affairs of their constituents except in circumstances in which it is, in accordance with the law or practice and usage customary among bankers, necessary or appropriate for the banks to divulge such information. However, the total amount of overdues of public sector banks as at the end of September 1992 (latest available) was Rs. 21022 crores. Reserve Bank of India has issued various guidelines to the banks to minimise the amount of overdues and also to improve their recovery performance in respect of their advances to various sectors. Some of the important guidelines are as follow: